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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: SUSPENSION OF PANAM SERVICE TO TAIPEI AND
NAHA

REF: NAHA 427

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING REPLY TO STANLEY KWONG,
PRESIDENT AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OKINAWA FROM
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LESTER E. EDMOND.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT MESSAGE TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN
CHAMBER IN OKINAWA THAT THE SUSPENSION OF PAN AMERICAN
SERVICE BETWEEN NAHA AND OTHER POINTS IN THE FAR EAST
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WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON US BUSINESS INTERESTS

IN THE FAR EAST. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE
INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE AND HAVE TRANSMITTED YOUR VIEWS TO
THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD.

3. AS YOU KNOW, SUSPENSION OF THE SERVICE TOOK PLACE ON
AUGUST 30 FOLLOWING CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S REJECTION OF
PAN AMERICAN'S PETITION THAT HE STAY AN APPEALS COURT
JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF A COMPLAINT BY ANOTHER CARRIER, THAT

TWA AND PAN-AMERICAN HAD IMPROPERLY EXCHANGED THE ROUTE
IN 1975 AS PART OF A MORE GENERALIZED ROUTE SWAP. PAN
AMERICAN THEN REQUESTED THE CAB TO EXPEDITE A HEARING ON
THE OVERALL ROUTE SWAP IN ORDER TO REACH AN ARRANGEMENT
WHICH WOULD PERMIT RESTORATION OF THE NAHA SERVICE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. A HEARING BEFORE A CAB ADMINISTRATIVE
LAW JUDGE ON THE OVERALL ROUTE SWAP IS NOW IN PROGRESS. AS
THE CASE, WHICH CONCERNS ISSUES OF CONSIDERABLE LEGAL
COMPLEXITY, IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF A QUASI-JUDICIAL
PROCEEDING, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY HOW AND WHEN IT WILL
BE RESOLVED. WE ARE HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEGAL
PROBLEMS CAN BE WORKED OUT TO THE MUTUAL SATISFACTION
OF ALL THE AFFECTED PARTIES. END TEXT KISSINGER

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